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IN CELEBRATION OF FATHERHOOD ON FATHER'S DAY 2022

Ten years ago, an important new book was launched at a ceremony hosted by Senator John Thune (R, South Dakota) at the U.S. Capitol. As Senator Thune and other dignitaries commented, one-third of American children—some 24 million kids—have little to no contact with their fathers. Their absence is a key factor in every socio-economic issue facing American families and the nation as a whole, according to the Brookings Institution.

Choosing Fatherhood: America's Second Chance was celebrated by Senator Thune and others for showing good-news stories about fathers who live everywhere in the nation, from big cities to small towns and even military bases. The profiles presented show how being a good parent—being a good dad—is so important to the welfare of children, our communities, and the nation.

The book received a prestigious IPPY Award—the equivalent of an Oscar or Tony or Grammy in the world of independent and university press publishing—and featured amazing portraits and inspirational stories by Lewis Kostiner, of Chicago, as well as seriously good essays by Juan Williams (then a high-profile commentator on FOX News and PBS), Roland Warren (then President of the nonprofit National Fatherhood Initiative), David Travis (then Curator of Photography at the Art Institute of Chicago), and Shipra Parikh and Derrick Bryan (noted scholars on the subject).

The challenges facing American families today remain severe. Perhaps even more so in these times of COVID and high inflation. But good parenting remains essential for both children and the nation, and dads need to step up to the plate and be part of their children's lives. As a nation we can work together in our own communities to help men become men and see themselves as loving fathers and cherished mentors who are present and care. This award-winning book contributes to this much-needed dialogue.

In celebration of Father's Day, please check out *Choosing Fatherhood: America's Second Chance*. We are happy to set up an interview or an event with Lewis Kostiner, the author, and he is happy to send a signed copy to any library, civic organization, or individual for only \$10 to cover the cost of shipping.

As Senator Thune and other dignitaries noted ten years ago at the U.S. Capitol, and as the Independent Publishers Book Award and widespread favorable coverage—from FOX News and public radio to *The Huffington Post*—confirmed, *Choosing Fatherhood* is a vitally important book for all to read and use. Please take advantage of this unique offer to get the word out, while supplies last.

Thank you for listening! Thank you for caring about America and its children!

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